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As life runs on, the road grows strange
With faces new, and near the end
The mile-stones into head-stones change,
'Neath every one a friend.

In vain we call old notions fudge,
And bend our conscience to our dealing,
The Ten Commandments will not budge,
And stealing will continue stealing.

James Russell Lowell.

The late General Conference of the Methodist E. Church elected five new bishops, which, added to the old ones, makes, we believe, 15, and as each one is to receive \$3000 a year, and a residence, (or \$4500 a year, and furnish his own house,) and traveling expenses, which may be as much more, as they travel very extensively, not only in our own, but in foreign lands; and then two other bishops have been appointed for two foreign stations—Africa and India. All this will probably require from \$80,000 to \$100,000! Besides these, there are many Presiding Elders, a kind of semi-bishops, with good salaries and privileges, and the regular stationed and circuit ministers, as well as numerous "evangelists," men and women, many of whom receive pay under the head "for the support of the gospel," and now a movement is on foot to employ and pay "deaconesses" in the churches, to do the work that is generally done by volunteers. All this, with the many benevolent societies, unnecessary aggrandisement of churches, instigated mostly by the preacher and a few of the members whom he wins or bullies, through pride, or a spirit of jealousy or rivalry; and because such a church has done thus and so, so must we, although we may owe for coal, interest, etc., and need some necessary repairs. Never mind! we must have the taudry windows, the fancy seats and cushions, etc., leaving the honest debts to be unexpectedly sprung upon the people at some future time. And who pays all this? Why, the most of it comes from a people whose average income is probably not more than from three to five hundred dollars a year, while most of the clergy range from \$800 to \$5000.

It is said there were 20 Republican candidates for the Presidency, but that was no match for the 60 candidates for bishops at the Methodist synod, and of course each one had his wire-pullers, even going so far, in two instances, as to deposit spurious votes! Some advocated the election of ten new bishops instead of only the four or five needed. Chances would thus be increased for more candidates to secure the snug little \$3000 a year, a house, and traveling expenses, and for life, sick or well.

Chauncey M. Depew, in an address before the graduating class of the Syracuse Medical College, among other things, said: "The grossest injury to the helpless patient, absorbing with every breath the spirit of her environment, is the polluting presence of the doctor saturated with whiskey or tobacco. But when the clean, cheerful, and hopeful physician enters the room, he brings comfort and health. The sufferer knows that this man is able and skillful, that his brain and heart are full of the case, and that his sympathies follow his efforts, and the potentiality of his powders is intensified by the inspiring magnetism of his personality. He is welcomed with faith, and blessings follow his exit."

[What about the tobacco-saturated clergyman who professes to preach religion and purity, and who is called upon to visit the sick and the dying, and sometimes to pray with and for them? Faugh.]

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In a Theatre at Melbourne, Australia, one of the actors in "Faust" had to go down through a trap-door, carrying off his victim to perdition. As the trap descended he became insensible and fell into the darkness, never recovering consciousness. At his funeral, the minister who was conducting the services, became faint, and fell unconscious upon the floor, and one of the actors had to complete the service.

The religious paper, which records these facts, says: "The lesson to be drawn is not that any striking judgment may be expected momentarily upon those engaged in any given employment, but rather that we should all endeavor to live in such a way, and should engage in such professions and amusements, that, if suddenly associated with death, all sense of the fitness of things shall not be shocked." [Good counsel.]

The preacher in speaking of the indifference of some church members, by preferring worldly matters or amusements instead of the church, illustrated by a little story of a boy whose grand-mother gave him two pennies—one for himself and one for the missionary. He went out, but on returning, he exclaimed, "Oh! grand-ma, I lost one of my pennies." "You did? when one did you lose?" "Why, the one for the missionary."

Miss Minnie Freeman, the noble girl who strung a dozen school children together and led them to a place of safety during a blizzard in Nebraska, is said to have twice that number of men now on her string, anxious to wed her. Wonder if there is any other teacher, or other young lady, envious enough to wish it had been her instead of Miss Minnie?

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The lately-started newspaper for Haddonfield has already changed hands, or its "manager."

The Haddonfield Water Company have enclosed their reservoir by an embankment that completely cuts off all the water that flows from above it. The springs around the border supply sufficient water for present use. It is therefore virtually one big spring, into which no drainage or surface water can enter. It is one of the most remarkable supplies of pure spring water in the State, and offers an additional inducement for people to locate in Haddonfield.

BOATING.—Mr. George Horter has built a row of seven boat-houses on the inlet of Evans' Lake, at the foot of Potter street. They are two stories high, the second floor to be used as club-rooms, having a seated balcony in front. Two of the houses have been rented to the Alpha and Sparta boat clubs, and one to a private person. Mr. Horter has also provided two outrigger, sliding-seat working boats and four pleasure boats.

At a regatta on the 4th July, there was a boat-race, and a prize-cup awarded to Wm. Pittinger of the Sparta club, who won the race by a foul. The canoe race was won by Paul Davis, jr., and was awarded a flag; and the tub hero was — Wharton. [No room for more.]

Joseph G. Evans, the owner of the lake, has taken much interest in the enterprise, and has been clearing it of obstructions.

The Sunday School of the Presbyterian church go on an Excursion to Lakeside to-morrow. (Saturday.) All the scholars, teachers and congregation are cordially invited, with the privilege of inviting friends.

The Committee appointed by the Haddon Athenæum and Free Reading Association reported to the Board of Managers at a special meeting held on Monday evening last. The report was accepted, and the meeting adjourned. Further consideration hereafter.

There is talk now of starting a Bank in Haddonfield, and we learn that a number of our rich men have signified their willingness to subscribe liberally to its stock.

The Baptist church at Westmont, we understand, is in difficulty, and likely to lose their preacher, from inability to pay his salary. The congregation is small.

After a long drought, we had a glorious gentle rain for nearly two days and nights, the latter part of last week, doing much good. The ground was getting very dry and the roads dusty about and in the neighborhood of Haddonfield, having had no rain since the 31st of May, except a short, smart shower on the 16th June. That freshened up things a little and laid the dust, but slightly wet the soil. The latter rain, however, thoroughly soaked it. But the town on the liquor question is still "dry."

After a long struggle, the Republican Convention nominated Benjamin Harrison, of Indiana, as their candidate for President, and Levi Parsons, of New York, for Vice-President. Mr. Harrison is a grand-son of Gen. Harrison, at one time President of the U. S., and is in his 55th year. He is said to be a superior and suitable man. We still think, however, that Cleveland will be the winning man.

Robert H. Cowdry has been nominated for President of the U. S. by the Union Labor Party.

The "Fourth," in Haddonfield, was rung in at midnight by the fire-bell and the firing of cannon by the gun squad, also at sunrise. The miserable nuisance of fire-cracker and pistol, went on most of the night by boys and children, some of whom were out till 11 or 12 o'clock, racing the streets, (don't know what kind of parents they have,) with their abominable and dangerous shooting, without regard to those who need rest and quiet, their neighbors, or anybody else, that they may indulge in their Chinese heathenism,—a most senseless way, as we look at it, of spending money, beside the danger.

In the afternoon a regatta on Evans' lake, with boat and tub exhibitions. Quite a crowd present.

At an election recently held at Independence, Mo., the Prohibitionists had a majority of 200. Women took an active part in the canvass. Girls stood at the polls, and at every voting place, there was a banner on which were the words, "Temperance beaus or no beaus at all." Free dinners; and hundreds of children carried banners with mottos through the streets and about the voting precincts, such as "Rum, Revenge, Rags;" "Vote as you pray," etc. This puts an end to the sale of strong liquors there for four years—so said.

The Baptist Social Circle have show-bills out for an Excursion to Atlantic City on Thursday, August 19.

The Brick House and Lot on Main street, belonging to the estate of the late Samuel M. Reeves, is advertised to be sold at Public Sale on Saturday next.

David Ellis, Sr., of Camden, was run over and killed on Saturday last, in Camden, on the C. and Atl. R. R. To avoid a train on one track he stepped on another with a train approaching the other way, and was hit.

The murderer, Peck, has been sentenced to twenty years imprisonment. Now how soon will efforts be made for his release, as is now making for the murderer of Armstrong, who has as yet scarcely served out half his time.

"\$1 Excursion to Sea Isle City on Sunday . . . for the benefit of St. Joseph's Church!" Such was a notice recently in Philadelphia papers. If "good" people do such things, what can be expected of the "bad?" See Judge Biddle's talk about lotteries in last No.

31,750 extra barrels of beer, as stated by newspapers, were consumed in Chicago, during the time the late Republican Convention was held there.

The Gun Squad went to Camden, with their big gun, to take part in a parade there, on the 4th.

MARRIED—On Thursday, June 27, Mr. HARRY WHITE and Miss IDA MALSBURY, grand-daughter of Rev. Noah Edwards, of Haddonfield, at the residence of the bride. The ceremony was performed by the bride's grandfather.